

**In the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 22 (last paragrapg) as follows:

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B' The PCR primers were oligonucleotides having a nucleotide sequence of the plus strand (~~GH20~~, SEQ ID. NO. 1) or the minus strand (~~GH21~~, SEQ ID. NO. 2) located within the human beta-globin coding region, and these primers may produce 408 bp of an amplification product by the PCR (Saiki, R. K., Gelfand, D. H., Stoffel, S., Scharf, S.J., Higuchi, R., Horn, G.T., Mullis, K. B. and Erlich, H. A. (1988) Science 239, 487-491).

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